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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Jose De Horta-Garcia, 51, of Madison, Wisconsin, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to 57 months in federal prison for illegally reentering the United States after having been previously deported. De Horta-Garcia pleaded guilty to this charge on February 23, 2007.

De Horta-Garcia was previously deported in 1998 after his conviction for a felony drug offense in the state of Alaska. He was arrested in Monona, Wisconsin for retail theft on September 4, 2006.

The charge against De Horta-Garcia is the result of an investigation conducted by U.S. Department of Homeland Security-Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, with the assistance of the Monona Police Department. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney David J. Reinhard.

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